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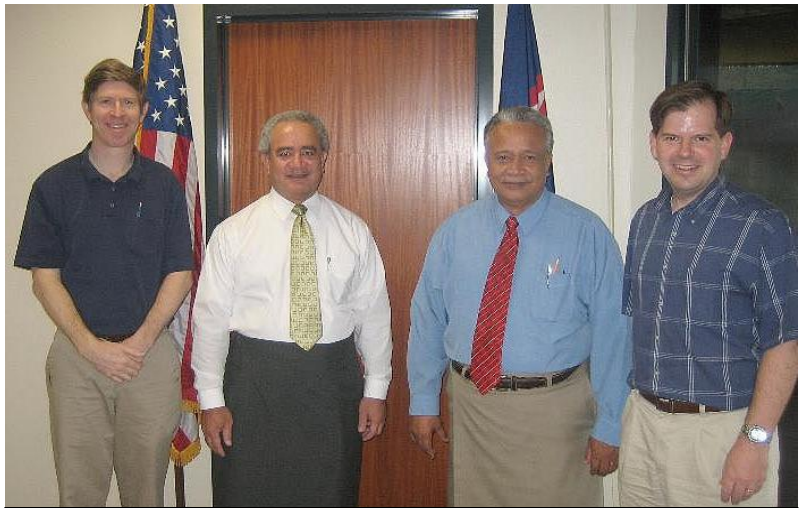
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Governor Togiola meets with U.S. Senate Energy & Resource Committee professional staff on air travel, fiber optic connectivity and tourism implications

Governor Togiola Tulafono today met with two key staff members of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, who are on island to discuss issues of importance to the Territory.

Governor Togiola met with Mr. Josh Johnson and Mr. Allen Stayman concerning air travel service, fiber optic connectivity and tourism implications among other issues, which were identified during the Governor's trip to Washington, DC this past February.

"I wish to thank Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stayman of the Energy and Resource Committee staff for this excellent opportunity for them to view first hand the challenges and the opportunities that



Gov. Togiola Tulafono (second from left) and Lt. Gov. Ipulasi Aitofele Sunia are flanked by Mr. Allen Stayman (left) and Mr. Josh Johnson (photo: ASG)

American Samoa deals with on a daily basis," said Gov. Togiola. "It is our fervent hope that this trip will give these gentlemen a new critical view of the Territory's needs – which will lead to increased advocacy of our issues in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee." "I am sure their stay in our island home will be a good one because I am confident everyone will show these gentlemen the true meaning and spirit of our world-renowned Samoan hospitality," said Governor Togiola.

Mr. Allen Stayman is no stranger to American Samoa, having served previously as the Office of Insular Affairs Director in the Department of Interior. This is Joshua Johnson's first visit to the Territory.

The U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is chaired by Senator Pete V. Domenici, R-New Mexico, and includes ranking member Senator Jeff Bingaman, D-New Mexico and Senator Daniel K. Akaka, D-Hawaii.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stayman will depart the Territory this Thursday, March 30th.

REMINDER

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or Offices**

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3rd Annual Governor Tauese P.F. Sunia Memorial Coral Reef Conservation Summer Internship Award

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force and the NOAA Coral Program announced today the selection of Ms. Imelda Gebauer from American Samoa for the 2006 Sunia Summer Internship. Imelda is the youngest child of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Gebauer of Tafuna.

Ms. Gebauer currently interns with the Department of Commerce with tasks in three specific projects –Coral Reef Corner, Coral Reef Library & Cataloguing Project, and assistance with public awareness campaigns for both the Coral Reef Advisory Group (CRAG) and American Samoa Coastal Management Program. Ms Gebauer was selected last year for the Undergraduate Mentoring Program in Environmental Biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she completed research on algae and coral competition, performed fieldwork by measuring algae and coral cover between Waikiki and Ala Moana Beach.

She will be graduating with a Liberal Arts Associate Degree from the American Samoa Community College in May 2006 and is planning to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa this coming fall in the Marine Science Program.

In 2004 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Coral Reef Conservation Program hosted the first Sunia interns from USVI and Guam. This past summer the Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hosted interns from Hawaii and Puerto Rico. For the first time this opportunity was made open to applicants from the Freely Associated States of Palau, the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

This is a competitive award, in which two excellent students from Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawai'i, American Samoa, the Freely Associated States (listed above), Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands will be selected to receive a three-month, expenses-paid summer internship working on coral reef management initiatives with an agency member of the US Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). In this third year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will host and sponsor the award. Ms. Gebauer will be flown to Washington, DC to receive an award at the May USCRTF meeting.

For more information about this internship, please contact the Governor's Coral Reef Advisory Group @ Department of Commerce, 633-5155.

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On March 18, 1937, the *Pan American Clipper* (later renamed the *Samoan Clipper*), piloted by Captain Ed Musick, arrived in Honolulu, thus completing the first leg of her first South Pacific survey flight.

On March 18, 1941, the U.S. Marine Corps' 7th Defense Battalion debarked from USS *William P. Biddle* and boarded trucks which transported them to Camp Samuel Nicholas at Faga'alu, American Samoa.

On March 20, 1887, Lawrence McCully Judd, fourth appointed civil governor of American Samoa (March 4-August 5, 1953) was born at "Rosenheim," Honolulu, Hawaii, the son of Albert Francis Judd, Chief Justice of the Kingdom of Hawaii and Agnes Hall Boyd Judd.

On March 22, 1940, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Harold Raynsford Stark, informed the Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, Captain Edward William Hanson, that Captain Alfred R. Pefley, USMC, would come to American Samoa to draw up local defense plans.

On March 22, 1942, as part of the 2nd Marine Brigade's "training and school program, a class for the study of the Japanese language was started [on Tutuila]. The course was organized on the basis of a 6 months period of intensive study of written and spoken Japanese with some collateral work on the geography of Japan, the customs, character and habits of the Japanese people with particular emphasis on the military aspects of Japanese life. Capt. Bishop, Asst. Intell. Officer, who recently had two years as a language student in Japan, has conducted this course."

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On March 24, 1994, the U.S. National Weather Service recorded the highest ever temperature in American Samoa: a sizzling 94 degrees Fahrenheit at the Pago Pago International Airport.

On March 25, 1883, a hurricane destroyed eight ships and killed several people in Apia.

On March 25, 1891, Robert Louis Stevenson paid a rare visit to Pago Pago.

On March 25, 1901, Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley, Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, issued his "Regulation No. 1-1901: Buildings.

On March 25, 1942, the first USS *Tutuila's* (PR-4) name "was struck from the United States Navy List," following her transfer to the Navy of the Republic of China.

On March 26, 1901, Secretary of the Navy John D. Long directed Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley, Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, to revoke William Blacklock's liquor license, despite Tilley's assurances that the Samoans were "safeguarded by law" from drinking there.

On March 26, 1944, the Commander, Service Squadron South Pacific Force requested the Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila (Captain Allen Hobbs) "to submit a list of [anti-torpedo] net materials located at Tutuila with the view in mind of removing nets."

On March 26, 1973, Governor John Morse Haydon approved American Samoa's new Official Seal. (Please see the entries for March 5, 1973 and April 17, 1973).

On March 27, 1901, Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley, Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, issued his "Regulation No. 3-1901: Dealings Between Samoans and Non-Samoans," which dealt mainly with contracts and lending money, and was later amended by Governors Charles Brainard Taylor Moore on October 21, 1907, Waldo Evans on May 10, 1921 and Henry Francis Bryan on November 19, 1926.

On March 27, 1961, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy appointed Hyrum Rex Lee, an experienced civil servant in the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, as American Samoa's seventh appointed civil governor (until July 31, 1967).

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ASCC PHI THETA KAPPA SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW INDUCTEES

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Alpha Epsilon Mu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) held its induction ceremony this past Friday to announce its new members for the Spring 2006 semester. Family and friends of the new and current PTK members joined ASCC administrators and faculty for an intimate ceremony to induct 17 of the College's "best and brightest" into the prestigious Honor Society.

ASCC faculty member Randall Baker, himself a PTK alumnus, provided the keynote speech for the occasion. Elisapeta Faalafi-Jones of the College's English Language Institute gave the opening prayer, while Kathleen Saelua, President of the Student Government Association, offered the congratulatory remarks.

Here are the current PTK members at ASCC, followed by this semester's new inductees:

PRESENT MEMBERS: Taufao Afo, Annette Ah Young, Tammy Emmsley, Rosita Esene, Deidre Esteron, Esekielu Foleni, Imelda Gebauer, Deidre Harrington, Christopher Ibasco, Shinar Ieti, Leilani Laban, Selaima Larkin, Josephine Lees, Edna Maetaanoa, Ruth-Ann Matagi, David Matautia, Tapalega Papalii, Teri Peters, Anamalia Roche, Leonetta Samuelu, Mary Satele, Sauileoge Toafa, Jade Taotua, Tanya Taumua, and Victor Tuiasosopo.

SPRING 2006 INDUCTEES: Aoatoa Afualo, Jonathan Chrichton, Eleanor Hisatake, Rachel Jennings, Toetau Leauanae, Tuloto Mamea, Rayo McPhee, Faiane Miller, Radiant Fuimaono, Herrieta Molesi, Tangitinga Paama, Fa'amoana Roe, Hanna Seloti, Iakopo Seumalo, Tara Silafau, Faapo Unutoa, and Zerlina Uta'i.

Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages excellence in scholarship among associate degree students. The Greek words Phi Theta Kappa mean wisdom (Phi), aspiration (Theta) and purity (Kappa). The society bases its programs on four Hallmarks: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. The society provides more than \$35 million worth of scholarships annually to students nationwide. Each member is automatically nominated for inclusion in the prestigious National Dean's List, and is also enrolled in the PTK Transfer Database, which links senior institutions across the nation offering scholarships to PTK members.

Every semester, PTK advisors Jim Sutherland, Tafaimamao Mamea and Penelope Utu review the ASCC Dean's List and other relevant data to determine which students qualify for the membership in the Society. Candidates must have taken at least 12 credits, passed their English 150, English 151 and Math 90 classes, and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Qualifying students receive an invitation to join PTK, and most of those invited readily accept the offer.

For more information about the nationwide activities of Phi Theta Kappa, visit their website at: www.ptk.org.



More Historical Notes:

On March 27, 1934, the minesweeper USS *Whippoorwill* (AM35) Visited American Samoa. Philatelic covers with "TUTUILA/SAMOA" in the killer bars were postmarked aboard the ship.

On March 27, 1942, the 7th Defense Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps, arrived in Apia Harbor aboard USS *President Garfield*. The ship used its own launches and barges to unload, and assistance was rendered by the Apia Stevedoring Company. Lightweight anti-aircraft guns were quickly installed along the harbor's seawall. "Vehicles, bulldozers and tractors were landed from Naval beach barges at Vaiala. The weather was rainy and the Marines did their own unloading from the barges which were brought alongside Customs Dock and at Vaiala. Temporary camps were established at Ifi Ifi and Moataa....In spite of the wet weather the unloading was carried on with little confusion."

On March 28, 1903, the first group of 289 Chinese indentured laborers from Swatow, Fukien Province, arrived in Apia from Shantou, China. Their term of service was three years, at the rate of ten *Deutsche Marks* per month. They worked ten hours a day, six days a week, with holidays on major Chinese celebrations. George Egerton Leigh Westbrook, an English trader, adventurer, journalist and long-time resident of Apia, described their arrival: "I saw this first batch land in Apia and march up to Ah Qui's [i.e., Ah Kuoi's] big two-storied house. They must have looked very queer to the Samoans when they landed in their black, shiny baggy trousers, jabbering away quite full of excitement and carrying their possessions in baskets hanging from a bamboo slung across their shoulder. They had wide cane hats and their pigtailed were all hanging loosely down their backs."

On March 28, 1926, a three-day storm inflicted \$1,000 worth of damage to Navy property and \$1,500 to Island Government property at the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila.

On March 28, 1934, exiled *Mau* leader Olaf Nelson of Western Samoa was moved from Christchurch's Paparua Prison to Wellington Prison, and was released the next day on a £500 bond. His conviction was upheld, but the eight-month prison sentence was reduced to three weeks, which were held to have been served. The ten-year banishment from Samoa remained in effect.

On March 28, 1942, the U.S. Marine Corps' 7th Defense Battalion was sent from Tutuila to 'Upolu aboard SS *President Garfield*, and was replaced by the 8th Marines.

On March 28, 1943, Admiral Ernest Joseph King, Chief of Naval Operations and Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, warned the Joint Chiefs of Staff that, although the Japanese threat to New Caledonia and Fiji had diminished considerably, "Samoa is definitely exposed...the enemy can seriously damage Samoa unless we are on guard."

On March 28, 1977, "the Legislature of American Samoa....in Special Session enacted enabling legislation to provide procedures for an elective local Governor and Lieutenant Governor."

Food for thought:

The only thing you can ever be absolutely sure of accomplishing is what you do today.

There is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks.

ASCC Student Government To Host "Polynesian Night"

(Press Release) The Student Government Association at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) invites the public to join them as they celebrate Pacific islanders' origins, expressions, and their very existence through dance, stories and songs during "Polynesian Night" this Friday, March 31, in the College gymnasium, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



ASCC students rehearse for "Polynesian Night"

Like the recent "MTV Showdown," "Polynesian Night" will feature a talent competition in categories between the various ASCC student clubs, only this time the event will focus on the music and dance of Samoa and other Pacific islands. For the first category, the "Island Number," each of the clubs will interpret the styles of a neighboring Pacific nation. The International Club will perform a number from Tokelau; the 685 Club will do a Tongan-style performance; Once Were Warriors will represent the music and dance of New Zealand; Blue Faatasi will interpret the lively Cook Islands style; and the JBC Club will give their hips a good shaking as they perform a Tahitian number.

In the second category, each of the clubs will perform in the style of their Samoan homeland, and the evening will climax with all the clubs joining in the Tualuga, which will feature Miss ASCC Teumalo Langkilde. In between categories, the audience can look forward to additional entertainment by Miss Langkilde, Chevonne Lafaele and other performers. Leone High School Music Director Pati Pati Jr. will join reigning Miss American Samoa Faith Toilolo and a representative from Monte's Creations as judges for the event.

Admission for "Polynesian Night" is free for ASCC students with ID, and \$2.00 for the general public. For more information, call ASCC at 699-9155 and ask for the Student Government Association.